

## GRANITE FALLS MAN WILL HEAD DENTAL GROUP

Dr. A. D. Abernathy President  
of First District Society of  
State—Dr. C. S. McCall  
is Secretary.

Rutherfordton, Nov. 24.—Dr. A. D. Abernathy, of Granite Falls, was elected president of the first district Dental Society of North Carolina here Wednesday night at the close of the first session held before the public in the county courthouse. Dr. Carey T. Wells, of Canton, was elected vice-president, and Dr. C. S. McCall, of Forest City, was re-elected secretary-treasurer for the fourth

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term, Dr. Abernathy succeeds Dr. T. A. Wilkins, of Gastonia.

It was decided to ask the executive committee to elect an editor for the district. It was voted to amend the constitution to elect three house delegates and to include the president and secretary-treasurer of the House delegates.

Dr. P. R. Falls, of Gastonia, Mrs. W. F. Bell and R. A. Little, of Asheville, were elected House delegates by the body Wednesday night, or delegates to the State society.

The convention had a large attendance. Practically every county in Western North Carolina was represented, while Cleveland, Buncombe, Gaston, Rutherford, Lincoln, Catawba and Henderson were among the counties that had large delegations.

Dr. Bell, of Asheville, Dr. F. E. Gibbons, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Dr. Robert L. Rement, of Atlanta, Ga., were among the speakers for Thursday's session, which was held at the Isothermal hotel.

## OAK GROVE NEWS

Bostic, R-1, Nov. 17.—A number of young folks gathered at the home of Miss Pauline Harrill and gave her a party. Those present were: Misses Eunice Digh, Kathryn, Olliere and Eugenia Randall, Hazel, Edith and Vallaree Biggerstaff, Leigh, Maude, Mae and Ruth Harrill, Alta Lee and Estelle Scruggs. Messrs Julius Digh, Bain Cooper, Oren York, Ken Wells, Cletus and Grady Randall, Noris Biggerstaff, Odell Tate, James Webb, George Rhodes, Emmett and Renso Hamrick, Ambrose Owens, and Oras Hamrick. String music was enjoyed.

Mr. Albert Harrill is ill with rheumatism. We hope he will soon be better.

Miss Leigh Harrill, of Rutherfordton and Maude Harrill of Spindale, spent the week-end at home.

Mr. Joe Rhodes and Mr. Dewey Rhodes spent one day last week at Mars Hill.

Mrs. Lou Maurice of Ellenboro, spent one day last week with her daughter, Mrs. M. B. Beam.

A number from this community attended armistice day celebration at Forest City on Nov. 11.

Miss Mae Harrill spent a few days last week at the home of her brother, Mr. C. M. Harrill at Henrietta.

Mrs. Delia Randall and Miss Olliera Randall spent one night last week at Mr. P. D. Harrill's.

## INCREASE ACREAGE TO CERTIFIED SEED

Growers of purebred seed in North Carolina have more than doubled their production during the past not only in acreage but in number of bushels produced.

"Practically 80,000 bushels of crop seed have passed the field inspection this year," says G. K. Middleton, who made the inspection for the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association. "This is about double the amount that was handled last year in all classes as there were only 42,626 bushels handled during that year. Of this amount 23,000 bushels were in the approved or lowest classification."

All seed to be eligible for sale under the authority of this Association must pass the field inspection and must also be inspected in the bin, states Mr. Middleton. The seed are then classified as registered, certified, or approved. Due to a favorable harvest, season, it is expected that a larger percentage of the seed this year will pass the germination and purity tests and that the final volume of certified seed will more than double that produced last year, he says.

According to Mr. Middleton, an increase in all crops has been made with the exception of Irish potatoes. A late frost in the heavy producing areas of this crop did considerable damage and the summer drought further reduced the yield. A normal, season, however, would have shown a nice increase in the crops.

Crops showing the greatest increase over last year were wheat with an increase over last year of 5,410 bu. Oats with an increase of 14,224 bushels. Probably the largest increase was made by lespedeza which has 6,373 bushels inspected this year as compared with only 200 bushels last year. With the exception of peanuts and Irish potatoes every crop showed an increase in purebred seed of over two hundred percent, says Mr. Middleton.

## NEW LICENSE TAGS ON SALE DEC. 15

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ground.

Large raised yellow figures emblazoned upon a background of glossy black will be the color scheme of the new 1931 North Carolina motor vehicle license plates. The new tags will go on sale in Rutherfordton at Hunter Motor Company, as well as over the entire state, on December 15.

The 1930 tags will expire on December 31. The new plates will be of a design different from the current tags. The present system of designating the horsepower of the motor vehicle by letters of the alphabet will be supplanted next year by the figures 1, 2, 3, and 4. These letters will appear in a small square in the center of the tag.

The words "North Carolina—31" will appear at the bottom of the new tag instead of at the top, as at present. The tags will be distributed through the various state branches of the Carolina Motor club. The tags are being manufactured by inmates of State's prison at Raleigh. State officials have for the past few years manufactured the automobile plates in the prison at a saving of many thousands of dollars to the taxpayers of the state.

Sale prices of the passenger cars, motorcycles, and trailers will remain the same as this year, officials say. Passenger cars with "A" classification will sell for \$40; "B" classification, \$30; "C" classification, \$20; and "E" classification, \$12.50. A graduated scale of prices will be charged for trucks, depending upon the capacity, horsepower, and type of tires used on the heavy trucks.

Several proposed legislative bills are on the program of the American Motorists' association. The proposals will be brought to the attention of members of state assemblies by the association. One of the major bills, which will bear the endorsement of the organization, is the universal licensing of all automobile drivers.

This bill is sought as a solution to reduce automobile accidents over the nation. A recent survey, made by the association, showed that at the time of the survey only 13 states and the District of Columbia require a mandatory examination as to physical fitness and skill to drive an automobile. In eight other states the law requires a driver's license, but does not make the examination compulsory.

Leaders of this movement claim that compulsory examination as to physical fitness and skill to drive an automobile should be the first requisite in the securing of an operator's permit. An analysis of the state laws, proponents of this plan declare, show that this is required in the following states: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, South Carolina, and the District of Columbia.

Advocates of the compulsory examination plan contend that the granting of a permit to operate a vehicle over the highways without having an examination offers no solution toward barring the unskilled driver from the highways.

The compulsory examination would include a universal operator's license law embodying the rules and regulations regarding moving and parked vehicles, tests of eyesight for the proper discernment of sight and other defects before licenses are issued. The proper interpretation of traffic signs, markers, and signals coupled with a demonstrated ability to drive and control an automobile in traffic, are also contained in the compulsory examination.

Firemen of Millstadt, Ill., will henceforth wear gaudy colored pajamas when answering calls, according to the order of Chief B. D. Hirsch.

Justice Finlay of Kansas City has ordered the town hall clock stopped while he holds court, because its striking disturbs his sleep.

Because he did not know his wife chewed tobacco or used snuff until after their marriage, Frank Zion of Dover, O., filed suit for divorce.

## MISS ELIZABETH PRIDGEN AND MR. WILSON ARE WED

Rutherfordton, Nov. 24.—A marriage of interest to the friends of the bride and groom took place on November 6, when Colon Wilson claimed as his bride Miss Elizabeth Pridden, the ceremony being performed at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. Z. D. Harrell of Ellenboro. The ceremony was witnessed only by a few relatives and friends.

The young couple took a bridal trip to Hendersonville, Asheville and other points, and returning will make their home in the country.

## USE LARD FOR UDDER AILMENTS OF COWS

Home-made lard as a remedy for udder ailments in cows, while old-fashioned, answers the same purpose as many high priced lotions and also carries out Governor Gardner's idea in "living-at-home."

"In fact," says Professor R. H. Ruffner, head of animal husbandry department at State college, "Many dollars could be saved each year by North Carolina farmers if they would use hog lard for these ailments instead of the high priced patent remedies. Hog lard put up in one-pound containers costs from fifteen to twenty-five cents a pound while the patent remedies put up for special purposes, but which are really no better than the lard, sell for 80 cents to \$1.80 per pound."

According to Mr. Ruffner, there is nothing better for garget than two tablespoonfuls of turpentine mixed with one pound of lard and applied to the udder three times a day. For hot and tender udders the pure hog lard should be used and applied by hand after each milking. Severe cases of chapped teats may also be cured by the application of pure lard, he states. The applications, however, should be thorough and a good coating of the lard left on the udder and teats.

Warts, which frequently appear on the surface of the teats may also be removed with this remedy. These warts are not only unsightly but often become troublesome through irritation. A generous application of pure hog lard smeared over the sur-

face of the warts after each milking will relieve this irritation and will eventually remove the wart.

Mr. Ruffner states that lard can also be used very satisfactory on cuts, scratches, and bruises as well as for the udder trouble. As the majority of dairy farmers in North Carolina make lard at home, it should be used in every way possible, not only for economic reasons but because it aids in the prosperity of the State, he says.

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